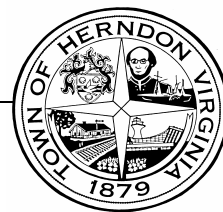


# TOWN OF HERNDON

*Enriching the Quality of Life and Promoting a Sense of Community*



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### **JULY YARD OF THE MONTH AWARDS PRESENTED**

Herndon, VA (July 18, 2006) – Herndon Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis and the Herndon Town Council recognized Glenn Welch at 707 Ferndale Ave. and Eric Haney at 950 Park Ave. as recipients of the Town’s July “Yard of the Month” awards.

The maintenance of Welch’s yard, dominated by a large, majestic Willow Oak tree and boasting Red Maple, Japanese Red Maple and a Flowering Dogwood tree as well as Yews and Hydrangeas, provides Welch with “a great form of exercise, now that I’m retired,” he said. “My main incentive is simply trying to keep up with the beautiful yards of my neighbors, as well as the gardens in my wife’s hometown of Cambridge, England.”

Haney’s yard features an array of shrubs including Junipers, Varigated Euonymus, Crapemyrtle, and Heavenly Bamboo, as well as perennial flowers including Lavender, Black-Eyed Susan and mums. Red Geraniums, Marigolds, Periwinkle and Impatiens create an explosion of color, with a Flowering Dogwood complementing the color scheme.

As “Yard of the Month” award recipients, Welch and Haney each received a \$100 gift certificate from Meadows Farms Nurseries, a sponsor of the competition. They also received framed certificates signed by Mayor DeBenedittis and signage to post in their yards for a month.

The Town of Herndon's Yard of the Month competition is produced as part of the Town's Cultivating Community Initiative, a program designed to encourage neighborhood beautification and build community spirit. All programs are developed through the input of resident volunteers.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people.

For more information, visit the Town's website at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

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